

SPOTLIGHT



Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer! Having had an impactful first year of implementation, we are eager to continue working to interrupt the transmission of the disease of violence as we begin this next school year.

Over the summer, 12 of our Safety Ambassadors continued their development and community engagement work through experiential learning that ranged from digital media and content creation to college visits to restorative circles. Safe Passage also said goodbye to our graduating class of 2024 Safety Ambassadors as they went off to college and to explore different career paths.

Read more for all of our exciting updates from the close of the 23-24 school year and our summer programming, as well as what we have in store for this year!



The Buhl Foundation

Safe Passage is a school-based anti-violence program rooted in treating the disease of violence using a public health approach and the Safe Passage Safety Model. It is currently implemented at Allderdice High, Arlington PreK-8, Brashear High, Carrick High, UPrep 6-12, Obama Academy 6-12, Perry High, and Westinghouse High to reduce the transmission of the disease of violence among Pittsburgh Public Schools students and their communities.

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Teen Night

Safe Passage and the The Estelle S. Campbell Clubhouse of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania hosted a Teen Night on Friday, May 31. This event served as a safe space welcome to all Safe Passage Safety Ambassadors and PPS students. Students that attended engaged in a variety of activities including basketball and dancing, as well as had access to community resources provided through Safe Passage and the The Estelle S. Campbell Clubhouse of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania.



Learn and Earn

This summer Safe Passage provided programming through Learn and Earn to equip students with valuable knowledge, skills, and resources while addressing the 5 social determinants of health: economic stability, education access and quality, health care access and quality, neighborhood and built environment, and social and community context. Our partners that helped make this possible are: Birth of Ahava, Infinite Lifestyle Solutions, Dollar Bank, Planned Parenthood, PCTV, Dr. Norm Conti, Clinetta Jackson, and Tyler Coulverson. Thank you!



Duquesne University Tour

Safety Ambassadors and staff from Safe Passage visited Duquesne University in July to tour the campus, learn about their programs, and meet with the Doctoral Candidates from Duquesne's Educational Leadership program. Safety Ambassadors and the Doctoral Candidates discussed social justice matters as well as how the Safe Passage Safety Model is used in schools to create a safer environment for all.

Special thanks to Dr. Tara Abbott, Aiko Mancini, and Duquesne University. We are thankful for the day of mutual learning and looking forward to building more intergenerational partnerships!



270 mediations
conducted during the
23-24 school year to
interrupt the
transmission of violence



Over **900** individuals
served thus far



Graduation rate of
Class of 2024 Safety
Ambassadors:
100%



SAFETY AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to our Class of 2024 Safety Passage graduates and those that represented Safe Passage on PCTV!

CLASS OF 2024:

Allerderice High School:
Moussap Choumou

Perry High School:
Alvin Johnson
Demir Frison
Julian Walker
Onya Goodwin
Pascal Uwineza
Pilara Dorsey

UPrep:
Jardann Peoples
Wysdom Allen

Westinghouse High School:
Claude Locklear



Podcast with PCTV

Over the summer, Safety Ambassadors engaged in digital media and content creation alongside PCTV as they hosted their very own podcast titled: Safe Passage: An Anti-Violence Program.

Each week they discussed various topics ranging from what a Safety Ambassador does to interrupt and treat the spread of violence in their communities to the specific needs of their school communities, of which they are the experts of.

Listen Here:

Episode 1: [Safe Passage - Safe Passage Ambassador](#)

Episode 2: [Safe Passage - Leave It To The Experts](#)

SCHOOLS OUR SAFETY AMABSSADORS ARE ATTENDING:



IUPUI
Indiana University
of Pennsylvania

California University of Pennsylvania

Lincoln University

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Robert Morris University

St. Vincent College

University of Pittsburgh Greensburg

University of Pittsburgh



Meet the Safe Passage Coordinators

There are 2 Safe Passage Coordinators (SPCs) at each school Safe Passage is implemented in. Meet some of our team!



CaDazhia Perry
Obama 6-12

I am an SPC because I have been connected with many of our Black educators within Pittsburgh Public Schools. They have watched me grow and still mentor me at 30, so now it's time to pay it forward to our younger generation while expressing my creativity. I never experienced trauma in my life, but my mom did, and I understood her process.



DaQuay Brown
UPrep 6-12

I am an SPC because I had a mentor who helped me get to where I am in life and now it's time for me to give it back!



Shawnell Pinkston
Perry High

I am an SPC because I love interacting with the youth. They always need a helping hand and supportive adults that truly believe in them. Provide the opportunity to support them in their community, school, and everyday life experiences.



Ricardo Butler
Allderdice High

I am an SPC because I know this program will have a long standing impact on our communities and I want to be a part.



Dana Brown
Arlington PreK-8

I am an SPC because I like to give back to the community also to help out and assist the youth.



Darrell Goodwine
Perry High

I am an SPC because I want to make a difference in our young youth's lives, and I want Perry to get back to the elite school that it once was.

THE SPCs ARE DESCRIBED AS...





Upcoming Programming

Cities United 2024 Convening

October 2-4, 2024
Seattle, Washington

This October, six Safety Ambassadors and 4 Safe Passage Coordinators will travel to Seattle, Washington for the Cities United 2024 Convening.

More information here: [Cities United Website](#)

Anti-Violence Youth Summit

November 8, 2024
Kingsley Association

The Anti-Violence Youth Summit will provide youth with resources rooted in mental wellness, financial wellness and civic leadership to gain a deeper understanding of resources and skills that can be used to combat violence.

Sign Up: [Registration Link](#)

12th Annual Steel City HBCU Fair

October 17, 2024
8am-1pm
PNC Park

The Western Pennsylvania Council of HBCU Alumni is thrilled to announce the 12th Annual Steel City HBCU College Fair. Students are encouraged to bring copies of high school transcripts and SAT/ACT scores.

Winter Festival

TBD
4600 Butler St. Pittsburgh, PA 15201

In collaboration with The Estelle S. Campbell Clubhouse of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pennsylvania, Safety Ambassadors, students, and their families are invited to an evening of carnival activities, games, community resources, and parent networking.

Safe Passage Resources

Safe Passage School Safety Model: 

Safe Passage Website: [Click Here](#)

NewEra412 Community Resources: [Click Here](#)

Operation Better Block Website: [Click Here](#)

Pittsburgh Public Schools Website: [Click Here](#)

Register to Vote: [Click Here](#)

PA Deadline to register for Presidential Election: October 21.

PILLAR 1: DETECT AND INTERRUPT

- Communicate any potential conflicts within the school community
- Attempt to mediate any known conflicts within the school community
- Identify and communicate any social media content that would increase the risk level within the school community



PILLAR 2: IDENTIFY AND TREAT HIGH RISK INDIVIDUALS

- Connect the students with services and resources from the community
- Mentor and develop relationships to get a desired change in behavior from some of the highest at-risk individuals in the community
- Provide activities outside of school hours



PILLAR 3: CHANGING COMMUNITY NORMS

- Reduce the number of students involved when fights occur in the school community
- Change the community norm of recording fights to post on social media
- Spread positive messages and norms within the school community



PILLAR 4: PROVIDING IDENTITIES

- Support and promote activities and organizations that create identities inside or outside of the school community
- Promote school sports, activities, and events
- Promote after school clubs and activities
- Promote trade programs, technology, and career resources
- Connect students with identities that are known to produce good outcomes



Join our Parent Council!

If you are a parent/guardian of a Safety Ambassador and would like to join the Parent Council, scan the QR codes below to complete the interest form and Support Survey!

The goal of the Parent Council is to bring the parents/guardians of the Safety Ambassadors from all Safe Passage schools together to build a network of support and provide them with resources and opportunities to be involved in their child's education and wellbeing.

Interest Form:



Support Survey:



Stakeholders and Partners

This program would not be possible without the collective support and trust of our stakeholders and partners. Thank you so much!

AKA	BUHL Foundation	Consortium For Public Education	Justice Scholars Institute	Neighborhood Learning Alliance	Point Park University	S-Spa of Pgh	Thrive 18
Aliya Wray's Salon	Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	Duquesne University	La La's Salon & Spa	One Northside	Pretty Brown Girl	TeenBloc (A+ Schools)	Turtle Creek Valley
Birth of Ahava	Carnegie Mellon University	Eluma	Manchester Craftsmen's Guild	Operation Better Block	Pride Project Incorporated	The Ambiance Hair & Nail Salon	Urban Impact
Black Student Union	Carnegie Science Center	Gay Straight Alliance (GSA)	Mercy Behavioral Health	PCTV	Project Destiny - YFE	The Challenge Program, Inc.	Village Center for Holistic Therapy
Bloom Salon	City of Asylum	Grow Pittsburgh	Moonshot Museum	Pittsburgh Promise and CCAC	Schools That Can	The Mentoring Partnership	When She Thrives
Boys & Girls Club	City of Pittsburgh	Hugh Lane Wellness	M-Powerhouse	Pittsburgh Promise Promise Coaches	Shades of Beauty	The Pittsburgh Project	Will Allen Foundation
BRAVE Teens	CMU PLUS Program	Infinite Lifestyle Solutions	National Honors Association	Pittsburgh Public Schools	Shadow Student Athletes	The Warhol Museum	Young Life

Contact Us

If you have any questions or inquiries for the Safe Passage Program, please complete the form by scanning the QR code below and someone from our team will reach out to you.

